



1st UP MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2nd issue of the CNARC ??? As you may have noticed, we still need to choose a name. The officers have received several excellent suggestions so far. If you haven't submitted yours yet, why not do so at the next meeting. The person who submits the name that's picked will receive a copy of the new ARRL Repeater Directory.

On a slightly different topic, Southern California has had several large earthquakes in the last two weeks. Fortunately the casualties have been few, but this is due primarily to the quakes having been centered in areas with low population density. We are overdue for THE BIG ONE (8.0+). If you haven't given much thought lately as to what you would do following THE BIG ONE, now is the time. Try this scenario as a start:

1. You are awakened at 3:00am by loud rumblings and the bed feels as if it's a boat on rough seas. You hear the glass in your windows shattering.

2. When the shaking stops, you take a look at the digital clock on the nightstand and discover that it's no longer lit. You now hear a hissing sound and begin to smell gas from a broken line in your house.

Do you have a flashlight in the nightstand? Are there slippers or shoes under or next to your bed so you don't cut your feet on the broken glass? Do you know where the gas main enters your house? Do you know how to turn it off? Is there a wrench tied to the gas meter to use for turning it off? The time to answer these questions is NOT while you're laying in bed wondering how you're going to turn off the gas. Do you have some way to operate your radios

from emergency power? Could you risk emergency antennas if your're permanent ones go down? Who would you talk to? On what band(s)? What would you say to other stations if you could get on the air?

If you can answer all of these, then you're probably a member of ARES/RACES and have prepared your household. If not, then consider becoming a member and preparing your household now. I'd like to think that we all can survive THE BIG ONE to tell our grandchildren "Yep, I was there in THE BIG ONE of '86".  
73's and CU at the next meeting  
John...KD7XG

WHY BE A VOLUNTEER?

- It's not the money
  - It's not the fame
  - It's not for any personal gain
  - It's just for love of fellow-man
  - It's just to lend a helping hand
  - It's that reward down in your heart
  - It's feeling you have been a part of helping others far and near
  - That makes you be a volunteer.
- DE Lee WD6DGI

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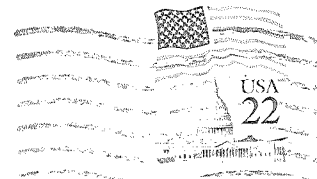


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